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The Honorable Harold Brown
The Secretary of Defense
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Harold:

Members of my staff visited a number of DoD organizations during Special Project GRAVITY SCORE (SPGS) conducted in the European theater from 12 April to 26 April 1978. I read with great interest a trip report prepared for me on that visit. Several organizations were singled out for special recognition in the trip report.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal appreciation for the past and current initiatives undertaken by the U.S. Army with regard to the national-tactical interface. In particular, I would like to single out the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command's Combined Arms Test Activity (TCATA) for special recognition. Many of the Army's initiatives should have been acted upon much earlier by the Intelligence Community as a whole. I would also like to recognize the individual contributions of two officers: LTC Donald Russell, the TCATA project officer, who briefed the National Foreign Intelligence Board, and LTC Walter D. Bennett, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Headquarters, Department of the Army.

Under the guidance of Lt. General Harold R. Aaron, the former Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, and Major General Edmund R. Thompson, the Army has assumed a significant leadership role in the national-tactical interface arena. Please convey my sense of a job well done to the above-named individuals and to the other individuals associated with the Army's effort to take the theory behind the national-tactical interface and subject it to the exigencies of the real world where systems limitations, as well as human failings, dictate how effectively near-real-time intelligence support can be provided to tactical forces.

Finally, I would like to indicate that it has been reported to me that V Corps, VII Corps and the USAFE Collection Management Office made very positive contributions to this important project. Please convey my personal appreciation, therefore, to Lt. General Sid Berry and Lt. General Dave Ott for their contributions to GRAVITY SCORE.

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